

Remarks

Claims 1-33 are currently pending in the above-captioned matter. Claims 13-17 and 29-33 were withdrawn from consideration based on an earlier restriction requirement. Please cancel claims 13-17 and 29-33 without prejudice.

The Examiner has required Applicants to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits for each of the following features of the invention: lubricating components, silicates, and viscosity modifiers. Applicants traverse the election requirement with regard to the silicates. Applicants have adequately identified "alkali silicates" as a subgroup of "silicates" in the claims, which sufficiently narrows the search field. Withdrawal of the election requirement for this claim feature is requested.

Applicants hereby elect to prosecute the following species, with traverse.

1. lubricating components: paraffin wax;
2. silicates: sodium silicates
3. viscosity modifier: carboxy methyl cellulose.

One embodiment of such a species is found in Example 4.

Currently pending claims readable on a species comprising paraffin wax, sodium silicate and carboxy methyl cellulose are: claims 1 (comprising language reads on additional ingredients), 2, 3, 4, 5 (specification teaches that one or more lubricating components may be used together), 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 (specification teaches that one or more viscosity modifiers may be used together), 12, 18 (comprising language reads on additional ingredients), 19, 20, 21 (specification teaches that one or more lubricating components may be used together), 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27 (specification teaches that one or more viscosity modifiers may be used together), and 28.

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Early consideration and allowance are respectfully requested. Any questions regarding this submission should be directed to the undersigned.

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